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"Barcelona" too introspective,
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Center Street campus OK'd as part of busy regent agenda

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

LINCOLN — The regents approved requesting designs for the University Life Complex Phase II as well as several other initiatives on Friday.

The University Life Complex will be located on the Center Street campus, located near 68th and Spring streets on the former Chili Greens Golf Course property. It is expected to house soccer, baseball and softball fields as well as a recreation field.

The first phase of the project was the acquisition of land, renovations and creating three multipurpose fields. The second phase, approved by the regents on Friday, is the design and construction of team fields, a concourse, recreation fields and site infrastructure, including utilities, bike paths and an access road.

The second phase will be funded with \$945,000 from private sources.

The regents also approved a \$3 million increase to the budget for Mammel Hall, the new home for the College of Business Administration on the Pacific Street campus adjacent to the Peter Kiewit Institute. The increase covers design enhancements and higher construction material costs.

The first of three financial commitments from the University of Nebraska to the Department of Administrative Services for the acquisition of State Fair Park for UNL's Innovation Campus was also made. The regents certified a \$7.5 million appropriation by Oct. 1, and will have to commit to an accumulated \$14.5 million by Feb. 1, 2009, and the final sum of \$21.5 million by July 1, 2009.

The appropriation made sure the regents complied with Legislative Bill 1116, which the Nebraska Legislature passed to approve the transfer of the park to the university.

In other business, the regents:

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Voices Against Violence uses speaker, art to look at domestic partner abuse, violence



Sue Michalski holds the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Omaha's annual statement while presenting in the Fireplace Lounge in the Milo Bail Student Center as part of the Voices Against Violence campaign events on Thursday. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Last year in Douglas County there were 10,495 calls to 911 concerning domestic violence. That's about 2.2 percent of all emergency police calls in Omaha in 2007.

What's worse is that domestic violence is one of the most under-reported crimes in the country, according to the Omaha Police Department, with actual incidences expected to be 10 times higher than reported.

That would be roughly the equivalent of one-fifth of all 911 calls in the city if every incident were reported.

To help get the word out to students, the recently established UNO Voices Against Violence

Task Force organized a "Break the Silence" campaign with an arts festival, information tables and a speaker on Thursday.

The arts festival featured interpretative poetry readings by members of the UNO Forensics team and the performance of swing music by the UNO Jazz Band in the Maverick Plaza just south of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Art displays and a dance exhibition also took place while students visited tables from a variety of campus and community groups with information about domestic partner abuse and violence.

"What we tried to do with the plaza event was to make it a celebration," said Director of Student Health Services Marcia Adler.

Adler said the event was an attempt to sugarcoat the task force's message while distributing important information to passers-by.

The preliminary events also attracted students like Tameem Sarwary, a public administration sophomore, who came into the student center's Fireplace Lounge at 1 p.m. to listen to a presentation by the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Omaha.

"I figured I would take the time to see what was going on," Sarwary said, adding that he wanted to ask a question about what males experiencing domestic partner abuse could do.

Answering his question, Sue Michalski, the director for training and education with the council,

said that men could use the same 24-hotlines that women can. (Those numbers are listed at the end of the story.)

Adler added afterwards that men sometimes feel an "absurd pressure" because of a double standard where they feel guilty that they couldn't protect themselves.

"When we talk about intimate partner violence," Adler said, "I oftentimes think we blame men, and I think that's off the mark."

Michalski addressed a group of about 70 people, some attending as part of a class requirement. Many other people walked past the hour-long presentation after lunch or on their way to an afternoon class.

"Whatever we say out of our mouth can help someone we don't

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Congress awards \$2.4 million earmark to UNO for project

MARK PATEL
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UNO researchers were granted \$2.4 million through a congressional earmark sponsored by U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., for the first phase of the Battlespace project.

The project is an ongoing effort with the goal of creating a computer based technique to facilitate more efficient group work. The researchers hope to reduce military decision cycles by 50 percent or more using software that helps to streamline group decision making cycles on the operational level of the military.

"When we apply these techniques in the field, we can

routinely reduce decision cycle times 50 percent to 80 percent, while significantly improving the quality of the deliverable — the work that is created," said Robert Briggs, a faculty member at the College of Business Administration and principal investigator of the project.

A group of people who need to collaborate would log on to a Battlespace action center through a network of computers. The software works to reduce the disadvantages of collaborative work, such as the hassle of having dominant group members and the problem of not staying on task.

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Chancellor John Christensen speaks at a news conference last month to announce the BattleSpace project earmarks. (COURTESY TIM FITZGERALD)

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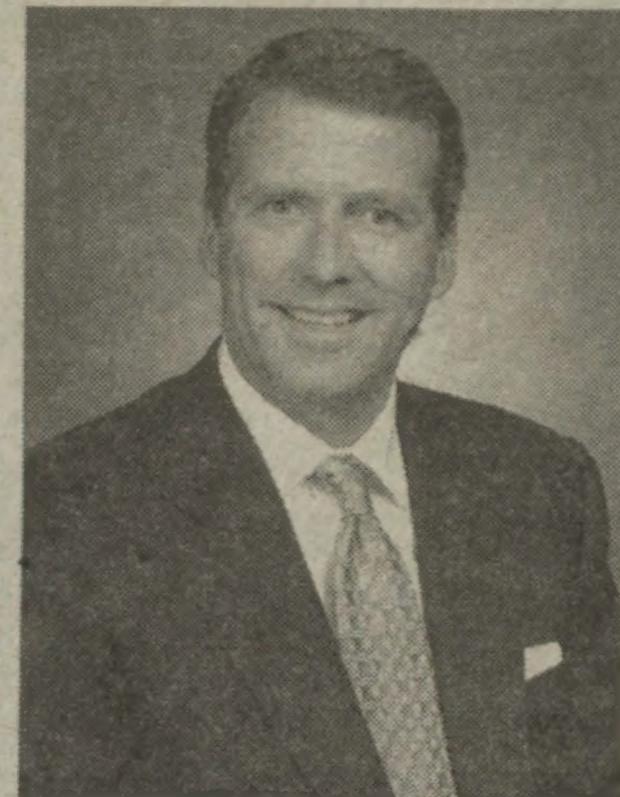
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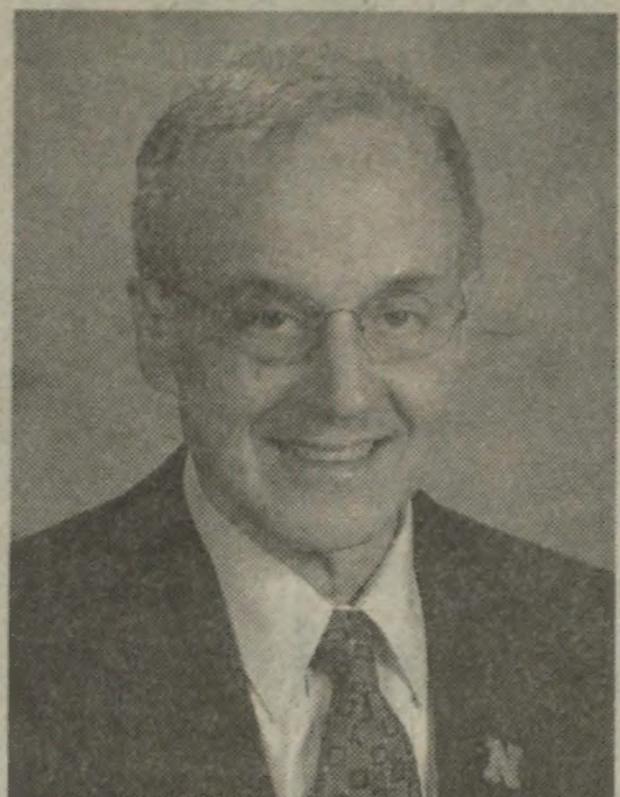
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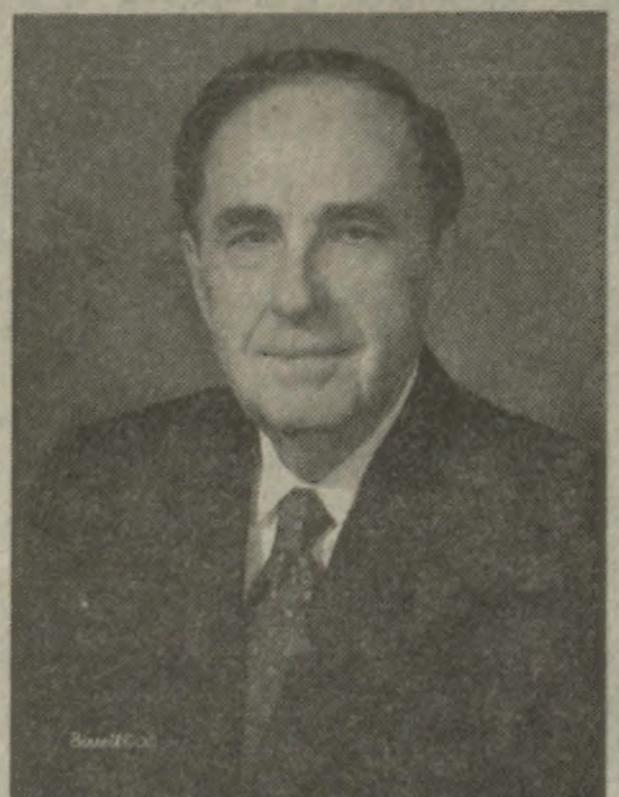
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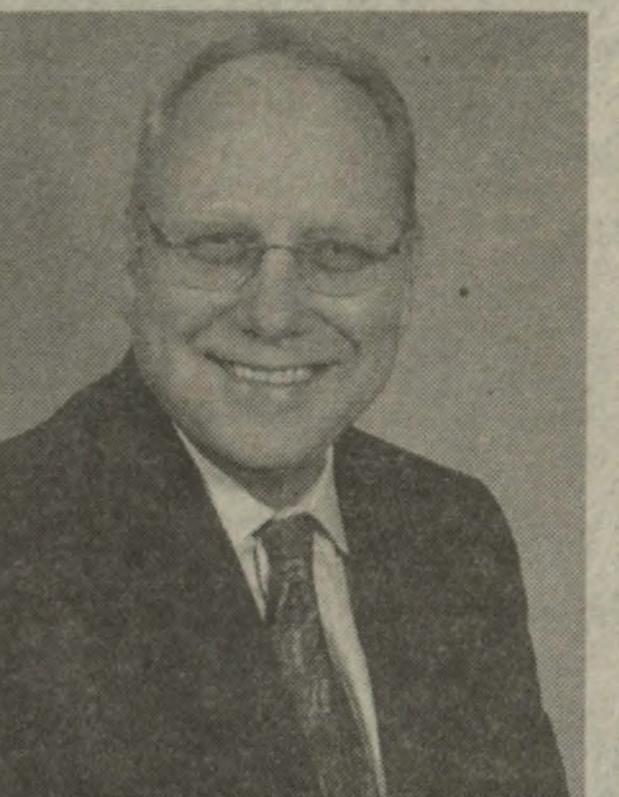
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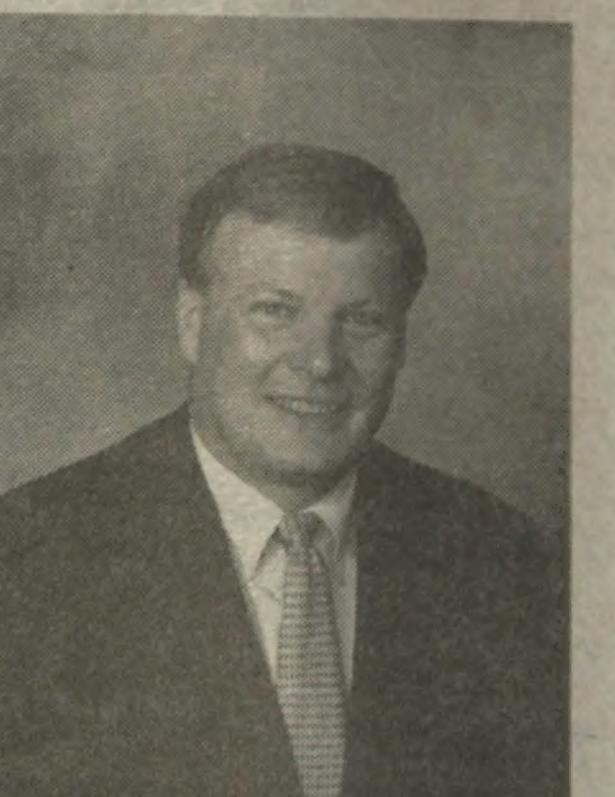
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Public Increase: \$ 14,440	Public Increase: \$ 12,242	Public Increase: \$ 14,795	Public Increase: \$ 11,280	Public Increase: \$ 8,797
Total Raise: \$ 59,292	Total Raise: \$ 39,689	Total Raise: \$ 64,057	Total Raise: \$ 16,795	Total Raise: \$ 17,434
Current Salary: \$ 307,227	Current Pay: \$ 266,136	Current Pay: \$ 321,638	Current Pay: \$ 240,000	Current Pay: \$ 199,933
New Salary: \$ 366,519	New Salary: \$ 305,825	New Salary: \$ 385,695	New Salary: \$ 256,795	New Salary: \$ 217,367
Difference: 19.3 %	Difference: 14.9 %	Difference: 19.9 %	Difference: 7.0 %	Difference: 8.7 %
Ave. Peer Pay: \$ 396,930	Ave. Peer Pay: \$ 321,029	Ave. Peer Pay: \$ 420,161	Ave. Peer Pay: \$ 251,029	Ave. Peer Pay: \$ 217,206
Below Peers: \$ 98,703	Below Peers: \$ 54,893	Below Peers: \$ 98,523	Below Peers: \$ 11,029	Below Peers: \$ 17,273
Difference: 29.2 %	Difference: 20.6 %	Difference: 30.6 %	Difference: 4.6 %	Difference: 8.6 %

Source: Board of Regents (Scott Stewart/The Gateway)

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

LINCOLN — The University of Nebraska Board of Regents voted Friday to increase the salary of its five top administrators in an effort to bring their salaries closer to the average paid at similar universities.

The initiative, spearheaded by Regent Jim McClurg, raises the salaries of NU President James B. Milliken and the chancellors of the university's four main campuses. The raises vary from \$64,057 for UNMC Chancellor Harold Maurer to \$16,795 for UNO Chancellor John Christensen.

Christensen said after the meeting that he was unaware the regents were working on such a proposal and that none of the chancellors, to his knowledge, had made such a request.

"We compete in a national and global market for key leadership, and salaries for executives at the University of Nebraska are not keeping pace with those offered by similar institutions elsewhere," McClurg, who represents southeastern Nebraska, said in a statement.

The increases are completely funded by the University of Nebraska Foundation, a private, nonprofit corporation that works with alumni, friends, corporations and other foundations to secure financial support for the university.

"Donors and supporters of the university have a strong interest in maintaining the momentum that has been achieved in recent years — as evidenced by record gifts and record transfers to the university," Harley D. Bergmeyer, chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors, said in a statement. "The Foundation Board believes strong leadership, fairly compensated, is essential to the university's long-term stability and continued success."

State-required merit increases were factored in to the chancellor's salaries effective July 1, and the regents also approved a similar award to Milliken at the Sept. 5 meeting. These increases, which help adjust salaries for cost of living and inflation, would have occurred regardless of the regent's decision to accept private support to increase the salaries further.

At the meeting, McClurg said the regents wanted to be "adequately competitive" with salaries for top administrators and that there was a consensus among the board that the compensation package was appropriate.

Afterwards Chairman Chuck Hassebrook, who represents northeastern Nebraska, said he felt upper-level salaries were already too high and didn't want to drive them higher.

"On the other hand, I don't want to fall so far behind that we're losing our top people," Hassebrook said, echoing comments made during the meeting that such a salary gap would make it easy for other universities to try to hire away talent.

Hassebrook said the support from the NU

Foundation could be compared to endowments for faculty positions or coaching jobs. According to a statement from the university, nearly one-third of all full-time professors and some athletic coaches benefit from private financial support for part of their salaries.

The decision to raise the administrators' salaries was made after a study was conducted on where the salaries ranked compared to peer and other similar institutions. The study found that the university was between 5 percent to nearly 31 percent behind other institutions in terms of administrator base pay.

The numbers were particularly bad for UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman and Milliken. Both UNL and the NU system ranked at the bottom of the heap for Board-approved peer institutions in terms of base pay for leadership.

An attempt was also made to factor in fringe benefits, but that proved too difficult because of the reluctance of some institutions to release that information.

"There was an attempt to compare [benefits], but the fact is we couldn't get the data," Hassebrook said. "We don't really know how we compare in that regard."

Despite the consensus among the board on the initiative, there were some reservations and even dissent from a community member speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln said that, while he supported McClurg, he regretted that the university still lagged behind peers in faculty compensation as well.

"I think we need to continue to work on that commitment," he said during the meeting.

He also noted that even with the increases for administrators, the university would still lag behind the midpoint of the peer comparison groups used in the study.

Ivy Harper, a resident of Lincoln, addressed the regents during the public comment period about Nelnet and student loan injustice.

While the regents met during closed session to discuss real estate and personnel matters, Harper spoke in a hallway in Varner Hall about her intention to organize a College Reform/Student Loan Fairness group and hold marches in Washington and Lincoln next Labor Day to draw attention to student loan inequalities.

Harper said her ultimate goal was to have all student loans forgiven by the federal government and have free education through the bachelor's degree level in America.

"We're at the point in America where boards like this — regents — are rubberstamping outrageous salary increases," Harper said. She added that student loan companies like Nelnet and Sallie Mae were "becoming wealthy on the backs of students" while the salaries were being increased.

Harper said she began learning about the regents, which prompted her dedication to the

student loan cause, after being denied admission to UNO's master of fine art's program in writing.

According to a letter to Harper from Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Wade Robinson, which she provided to The Gateway, Harper was told "based on your recent actions directed towards faculty and staff ... you may not access any part of campus that is not open to the general public ..." under threat of being issued a ban and bar notice.

Harper said she intended to speak during the public comment period of the regents' future meetings as well.

The salary increases for Milliken and the chancellors are:

- James B. Milliken, NU president: \$14,440 in state merit-based increases plus \$44,852 from the NU Foundation for a total raise of \$59,292, making his salary \$366,519 this year;

- Harvey Perlman, UNL chancellor: \$12,242 in state merit-based increases plus \$27,447 from the NU Foundation, for a total raise of \$39,698, making his salary \$305,825 this year;

- Harold Maurer, UNMC chancellor: \$14,795 in state merit-based increases plus \$49,262 from the NU Foundation for a total raise of \$64,057, making his salary \$35,695 this year;

- John Christensen, UNO chancellor: \$11,280 in state merit-based increases plus \$5,515 from the NU Foundation for a total raise of \$16,795, making his salary \$256,795 this year;

- Doug Kristensen, UNK chancellor: \$8,797 in state merit-based increases plus \$8,637 from the NU Foundation for a total raise of \$17,434, making his salary \$217,367.

Milliken said the regents wanted to make sure "every bit" of the plan to increase the salaries was made public so taxpayers knew the reasoning and the source of funding.

The salary increases were necessary, Milliken said, to make the positions competitive in the marketplace when the university inevitably has to hire new leadership.

Milliken also said it was a question of fairness to raise the salaries now rather than when the position is vacated and that he appreciated the board's decision.

"It seems appropriate to address this when we have excellent leadership in place," McClurg said in a statement. "It does not seem fair to adjust compensation only after a good leader has left. We want to be fair to the incumbents who hold the positions now, and to make it attractive for them to remain at Nebraska."

McClurg also added that the university does not strive to be among the highest-paying public universities.

"But we don't want to be last on the list either," McClurg said.

On the Web

Salary Equity Comparison Surveys
<http://www.nebraska.edu/docs/releases/>
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Student information system vendor approved by regents

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

LINCOLN – The University of Nebraska Board of Regents and the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees approved Oracle USA as the vendor to provide a \$29.8 million student information system for Nebraska colleges.

The student information system is the “lifeblood” of the university’s infrastructure, NU President James B. Milliken said. He said that the process the university went through was successful and generated unusually generous concessions during negotiations.

“The new system will manage the complete student experience, including such key processes as recruitment, admissions, financial aid, registration, housing and tuition,” Linda Pratt, NU executive vice president and provost, said in a statement. “We believe the new system will be adaptable in meeting the needs of our students for many years to come.”

In choosing Oracle, the regents and trustees passed up SunGuard’s Banner product. SunGuard is the NU system’s current vendor, but it announced that support for its Plus product – the foundation of NU’s current student information system – will end in December 2011.

The project will serve the NU system – comprised of UNL, UNK, UNO, UNMC and the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture – as well as Nebraska’s three state colleges, Chadron State, Peru State and Wayne State.

Oracle’s PeopleSoft Enterprise Campus Solutions application will be the core of the system. CedarCrestone Consultants were selected to work with the university and college systems on the implementation of the system.

The regents voted to approve the selection of Oracle on Friday after an hour of presentations by Milliken and others. NSCS Chancellor Stan Carpenter had previously been authorized to make the decision on behalf of the state colleges and also approved the selection.

Vice President for Business and Finance David E. Lechner was the head of the negotiating team. He told the regents on Friday that the university received significant price concessions from both companies during negotiations while clarifying that the project would be successful.

“We kept pushing back with questions, questions, questions,” Lechner said. “When you probe and test, that’s where you find out where the rubber meets the road.”

SIS project timeline

July 2006 - Regents approve Capital Budget Request for 2007-08 that includes SIS project.

November 2006 - Request forwarded to Gov. Heineman for \$32 million in funding.

October 2007 - University hires Collegiate Project Services to help prepare RFP and analyze bids.

November 2007 - Regents approves deficit budget request.

Dec. 3, 2007 - Meeting among President Milliken, Chancellor Carpenter and Gov. Heineman.

January 2008 - Decision and core team members selected.

Feb. 5 - RFP issued.

February/March - Format developed for demonstrations.

March 2 - Chair of steering committee and executive sponsor appointed.

March 18 - Bid responses.

April - Legislature awards \$20 million for first year costs.

April 14 through April 17 - Vendor demonstrations.

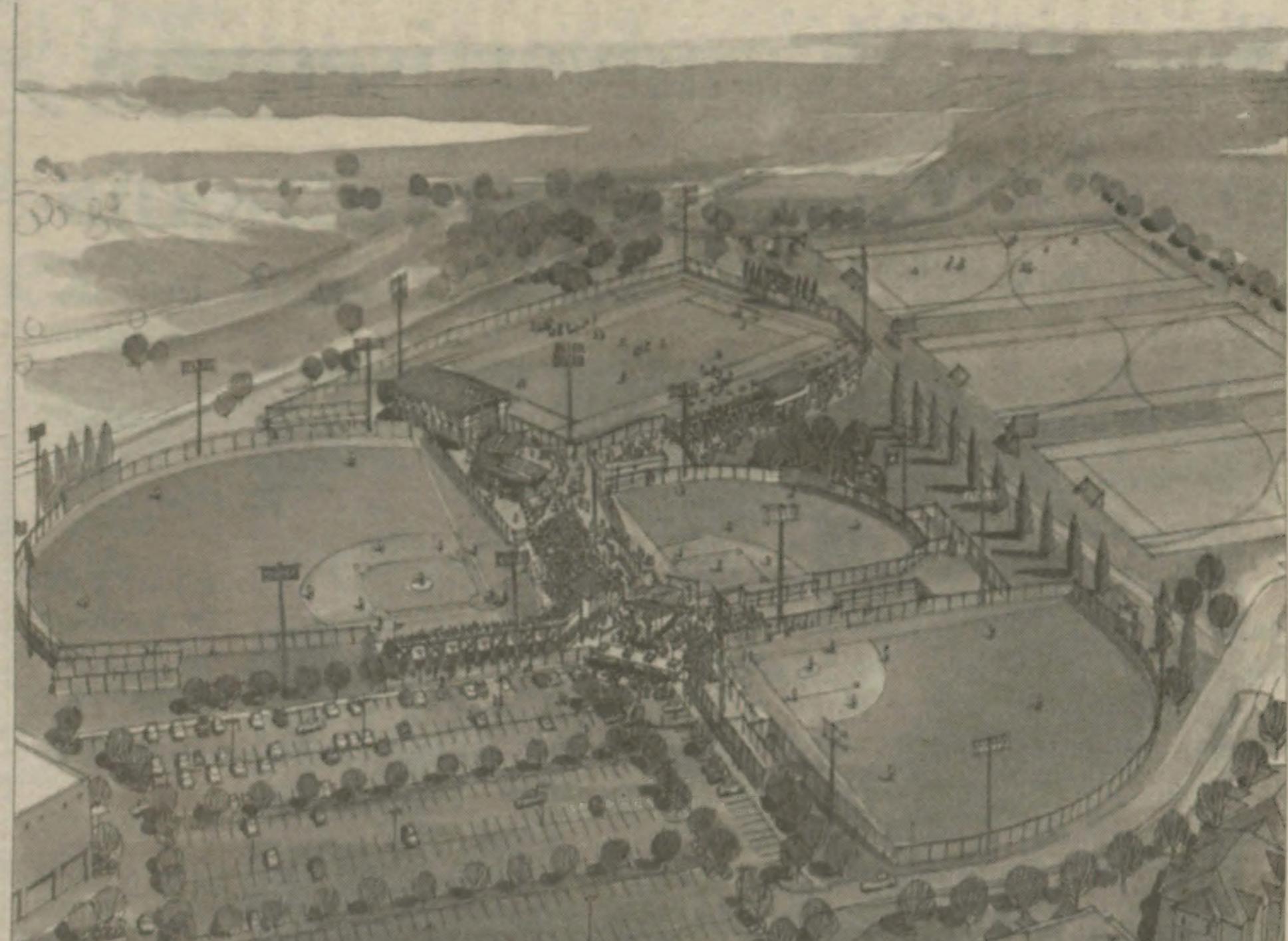
April 22 and April 24 - Implementor demonstrations.

May 7 through May 19 - Final evaluations by decision and core teams.

May 23 - Recommendation made to President Milliken and Chancellor Carpenter.

Sept. 5 - CedarCrestone and Oracle are selected to handle SIS project.

Source: Board of Regents (Scott Stewart/The Gateway)



An artist's rendering of the sports complex planned for UNO's Center Street campus, located on the former Chili Greens' Golf Course off Spring Street. (COURTESY UNO)

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- Began actions that could lead to eminent domain proceedings in the acquisition of property of 813 West 25th Street through 825 West 25th Street as well as 800 Block West 26th Street to address traffic safety and traffic flow issues.

- Approved the naming of the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s College of Public Health building the “Harold M. and Beverly Maurer Center for Public Health,” making an exception to naming policies;

- Amended a policy specifying where the regents’ medal could be awarded. Previously, the medal was supposed to be presented during a commencement ceremony, but Charles W. Durham was awarded the inaugural medal in April 2007 at the Omaha Country Club during a private ceremony.

- Revised policy pertaining to the requirements for the Tuition Assistance Program to read “meet university annual guidelines with respect to financial need.” Previously, applicants needed to

be a recipient of a Pell grant.

- Created a masters of science in construction through UNL at the Charles W. Durham School of Architecture Engineering and Construction at the Peter Kiewit Institute;

- Established a UNMC Center for Transplantation Medicine to help education, training, support and development for transplant-related research as well as promoting clinical enterprise.

- Funded a \$17.5 million UNMC College of Nursing facility in at 40th and Holdrege streets on UNL’s East Campus in Lincoln.

- Received a report that the Criss Library garden and the International Quilt Study Center garden at UNL will be named the “Marion E. and Barbara B. Tritsch Gardens,” after Barbara B. Tritsch gave a substantial gift to the NU Foundation that was used to create the gardens.

The regents next meet on Nov. 7 at Varner Hall in Lincoln.

Enrollment up for fourth year in row

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

LINCOLN – For the fourth consecutive year, the University of Nebraska has seen a total enrollment growth, including growth on all four major university campuses. The university’s 2008 headcount – 47,803 students – is the highest count since 1996.

“It’s good news for the University of Nebraska,” NU President James B. Milliken said at the Board of Regents meeting on Thursday.

Milliken said that UNMC had a record-high enrollment, and UNL had its highest enrollment in a decade. UNMC had 808 undergraduate, 692 graduate and 1,689 professional students – for a total of 3,189 in headcount enrollment. UNL has 18,526 undergraduate, 4,500 graduate and 547 professional students – totaling 23,573 students.

Enrollment at the UNMC College of Dentistry was also highlighted by Milliken. The college admitted 45 first-year dental students out of an applicant pool of 1,016.

According to a university statement, UNMC was ranked No. 1 nationally among all U.S. dental schools for grade point averages with an average of 3.77.

Overall, UNMC has 61 more students than last year, a

2.0 percent increase, while UNL has 600 more students, a 2.6 percent increase.

UNL had an increase of 65 students, totaling 6,543 students. Undergraduate enrollment actually decreased by 79 students, but graduate students enrollment at Kearney went up 11.1 percent.

UNO saw an overall increase of 57 students, with undergraduate headcount down by only 4 students while graduate student enrollment increased 2.2 percent.

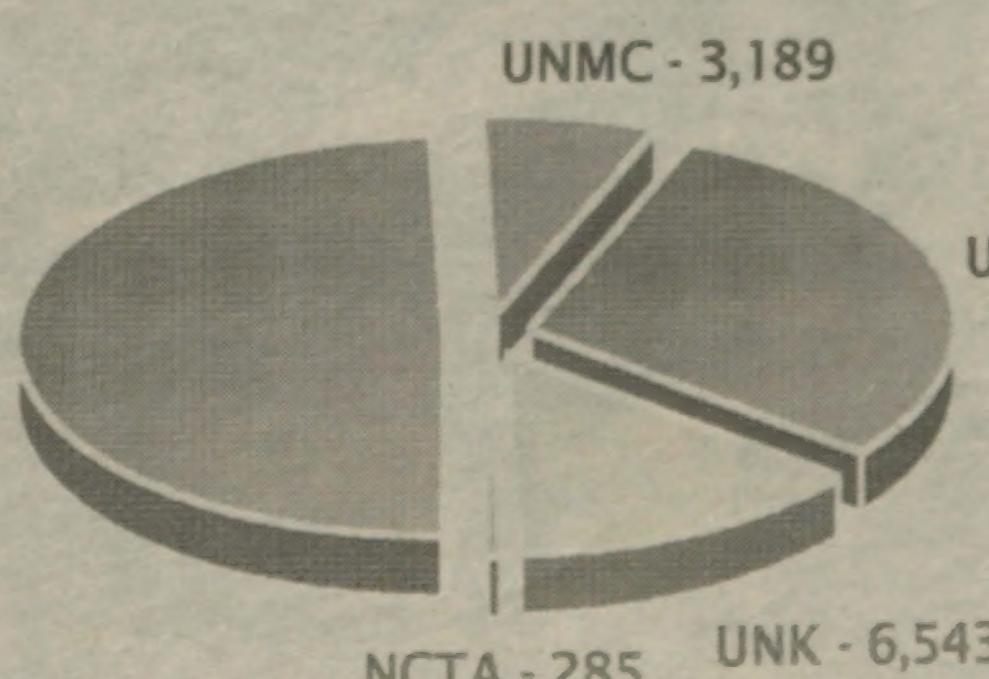
First-time freshmen enrollment at UNO and UNL increased significantly, with a 8.2 percent rise at UNO and a 4.9 percent rise at UNK. UNL saw a slight 0.8 percent decline in first-time freshmen, while UNMC’s programs are predominantly for upperclassmen.

The only university unit to have declining enrollment is the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, which is administered by the NU Board of Regents along with UNO, UNL, UNK and UNMC.

UNO President/Regent Lucas Seiler said he thought the increases were “extremely good news” for the campus. He cited improvements the university has made in recent years for the increases.

Rubens Pamies, UNMC vice chancellor of academic affairs and dean of graduate studies, echoed Seiler’s opinion in a statement about the reason for the Med Center’s enrollment record.

“Students are using a lot of different sources to make up their mind on where they go for their higher education,” Pamies said in a statement. “For in-state students, they look around and it’s easy for them to see that UNMC and the University of Nebraska are a good investment. They can get a world-class education here with world-class professors. It’s a great value. They can get a premium education without having to go elsewhere and pay much more money.”



Source: Board of Regents (Scott Stewart/The Gateway)

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Senate OK's advertisement funds, makes appointments

BRIAN MOODY
STAFF WRITER

Several appointments, two letters of statements and funding for election advertisements were taken up during the Student Senate's Sept. 4 meeting.

Leading the appointments were Julianne Plucinski, who now directs the Network for disAbled Students agency. Sen. Neal Bonacci was appointed chair of the Student Relations Committee and Johnathan Lawler was OK'd for the Election Commission.

Two senators were welcomed to the body: Nicole Leffler as freshman class senator and Michael Hughes as College of Public Administration and Community Service senator.

The senate also recognized two recently retired deans: John Langan of the College of Education and Shelton Hendricks of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Senators sent back to the author legislation to authorize \$1,000 for recycling bins in most campus buildings. Student Government rules prohibit the transfer of funds to clubs and organizations. The program would have expanded the current recycling program into more than 200 classrooms.

The senate approved spending \$193.50 for Student Government election advertising in *The Gateway*.

With elections set to take place Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, getting the word to the students is a difficult task, which Legislative and Public Relations Officer

Bethany Ragan does not take lightly.

"Elections are extremely important here at UNO, especially if you have a strong student government," Ragan said during the meeting. "Many are going to have no idea that the Student Government elections are taking place."

Candidates for office must have paid their University Programs and Facilities Fee, be free of academic or disciplinary sanctions and be enrolled for a minimum of six credits of coursework, according to Student Government rules.

Students who meet these guidelines and wish to run for a legislative branch office may log on to Student Government's online application form at sguno.unomaha.edu.

Students running for Student Government President/Regent or Vice President must pick up a hard copy application at the Student Government offices on the first floor of Milo Bail Student Center. Applications are due by noon on Sept. 16.

Five senators were missing from Thursday's meeting.

Speaker Dayton Headlee's duties were taken over by Parliamentarian Charlie Dukes, because Headlee was attending the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn. Sens. Bonacci, Tyler Micek, Sarah Ruzicka and Holida Samieva also did not attend the meeting.

Student Government's next regular meeting will take place on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center. The group will also have its annual banquet on Sept. 18.

Waitlist use up at top schools

ELIZABETH RUBIN
DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN

PHILADELPHIA (UWIRE) — In the past, acceptance into college was, for the most part, a black-and-white issue: The letter started with either words of congratulations or a regretful "We are sorry to inform you."

But this year, things didn't always end there. Many colleges — including the University of Pennsylvania — accepted a large number of students off their waitlists, a trend some experts say is likely to continue in the near future.

Dean of Admissions Eric Furda said 174 students were accepted off of this year's waitlist, adding that the admissions office was "active into the summer to finalize the class."

That number represents a substantial jump from the 65 students accepted the year before. It is also an increase from former interim Admissions Dean Eric Kaplan's May projection that Penn would accept about 90 waitlisted students for the class of 2012.

About 1,000 students were on the waitlist.

Some experts have cited the decisions of Harvard and Princeton universities to abandon their early-acceptance programs as a factor in the general increase in the number of students accepted off waitlists.

"There was more waitlist action this past year than I've seen in two decades," Sally Rubenstein of College Confidential wrote in an e-mail.

She said the growth was due in part to the proliferation of high-school seniors sending out more applications than ever before.

The impact of those applications was felt by colleges around the country, many of which used their waitlists more extensively than in the past.

By the middle of May, Princeton had already accepted 86 students from their 1,000-student waiting list. Just two years ago, no students were accepted off the list.

As many schools found yield rates hard to predict this year due to colleges dropping early-action programs and initiating new financial-aid initiatives, they turned to waitlists as a way to control their numbers.

Steven Goodman, an educational consultant from Washington D.C., said two of his 50-plus students were accepted off Penn's waitlist and are now enrolled in the class of 2012.

"From Penn's perspective, having more students come in off of the waitlist is actually helpful because ... you are getting students who really wanted to come to Penn," Goodman said.

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Above - Sue Michalski talks about domestic partner abuse and violence while Sharif Liwari prepares a laptop to show a video. (ANDREA BARBE/ THE GATEWAY)

Right - Volunteers with the Voices Against Violence Task Force handed out root-beer floats on Thursday out in the Maverick Plaza. (ANDREA BARBE/ THE GATEWAY)

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even realize we are helping," Michalski said afterwards. "It's amazing; I always know I'm talking to people who have experienced [abuse] firsthand."

After giving a public presentation like the one on Thursday, Michalski said she typically receives between two and five calls for information, immediate help or for referrals to other community resources.

Adler said "people would be surprised" at the number of students and employees of various levels who go to Student Health Services for help regarding domestic partner abuse or violence. Adler said she would also sometimes ask patients about bruises and other injuries, which prompt some to admit their true origins.

Campus Security Officer Ryan Smith, one of the passers-by during Michalski's presentation, said he thought it was important for people to educate themselves on the subject of domestic partner abuse.

"Whether it's on campus or off campus, I'm sure it happens," Smith said. "It's good that they're educating people on the subject, because the more educated you are on the subject, the safer you can be."

Michalski's presentation consisted of frank remarks on domestic partner abuse followed by the screening of a "20/20" segment featuring the story of Susan Still, who escaped alive from a violent husband after years of abuse.

Sharif Liwari, director of Cultural Awareness Programs, said the video really reinforced Michalski's remarks because it makes more of an emotional impact.

"You hear about it," Liwari said, "but it's not as easy to understand."

One thing Michalski wanted to make sure students understood, though, was that their first questions might not be the most important ones.

"I want you to think just for a minute about your relationship, whether you've got a current one, whether a past one, one that you thought was a pretty good relationship, an intimate relationship," Michalski told the

crowd. "Think about the first time you told your family and friends about this relationship. You probably didn't go to your family, to your friends, and let them know that 'Harry or Mary slapped the shit out of you after dinner' — can I say that in here? — and, by God, we're going out for bowling tomorrow night.' That wouldn't happen, would it?"

Michalski cautioned the audience against asking why victims stay when they are being abused.

"Don't ask the question, 'Why does someone stay?'" Michalski said afterwards. "Replace it with the question, 'What do you need?'"

To assist students in helping themselves and their friends, the Voices Against Violence Task Force distributed a packet of information that included common myths and information on community programs.

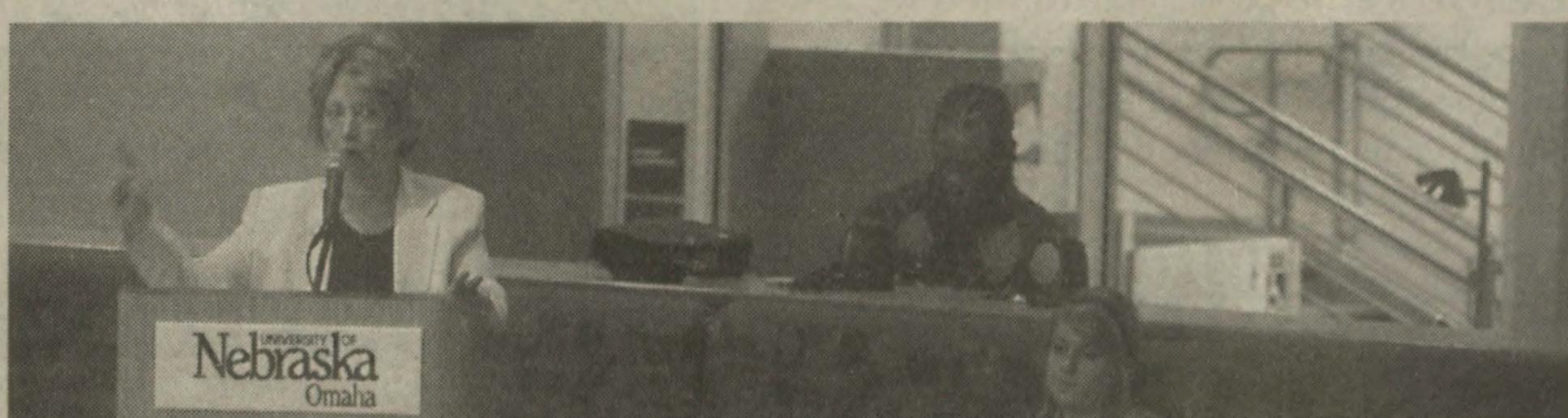
Students who want help on campus can go to Student Health Services on the first floor of the student center or UNO Counseling Services, located in Room 115 of Eppley Administration Building.

Lori Young, director of the Women's Resource Center, also wants students who just want a safe space to feel welcome in her office, which is also located on the first floor of the student center.

"Many people in the WRC or on the board of the WRC have dealt personally — either by a close friend or themselves — with domestic violence and the consequences of it," Young said. "It's really important to know you're not the only person going through it."

The center also offers a "warmer" place to go, Young said, if you're not sure if you're in an abusive relationships or if you want more information — pamphlets, books or community resources — about domestic partner abuse and violence.

Young said the center plans to bring another speaker to campus later this fall to talk about domestic violence and also plans to sponsor "The Vagina Monologues," which will feature episodes on both domestic violence and sexual abuse.



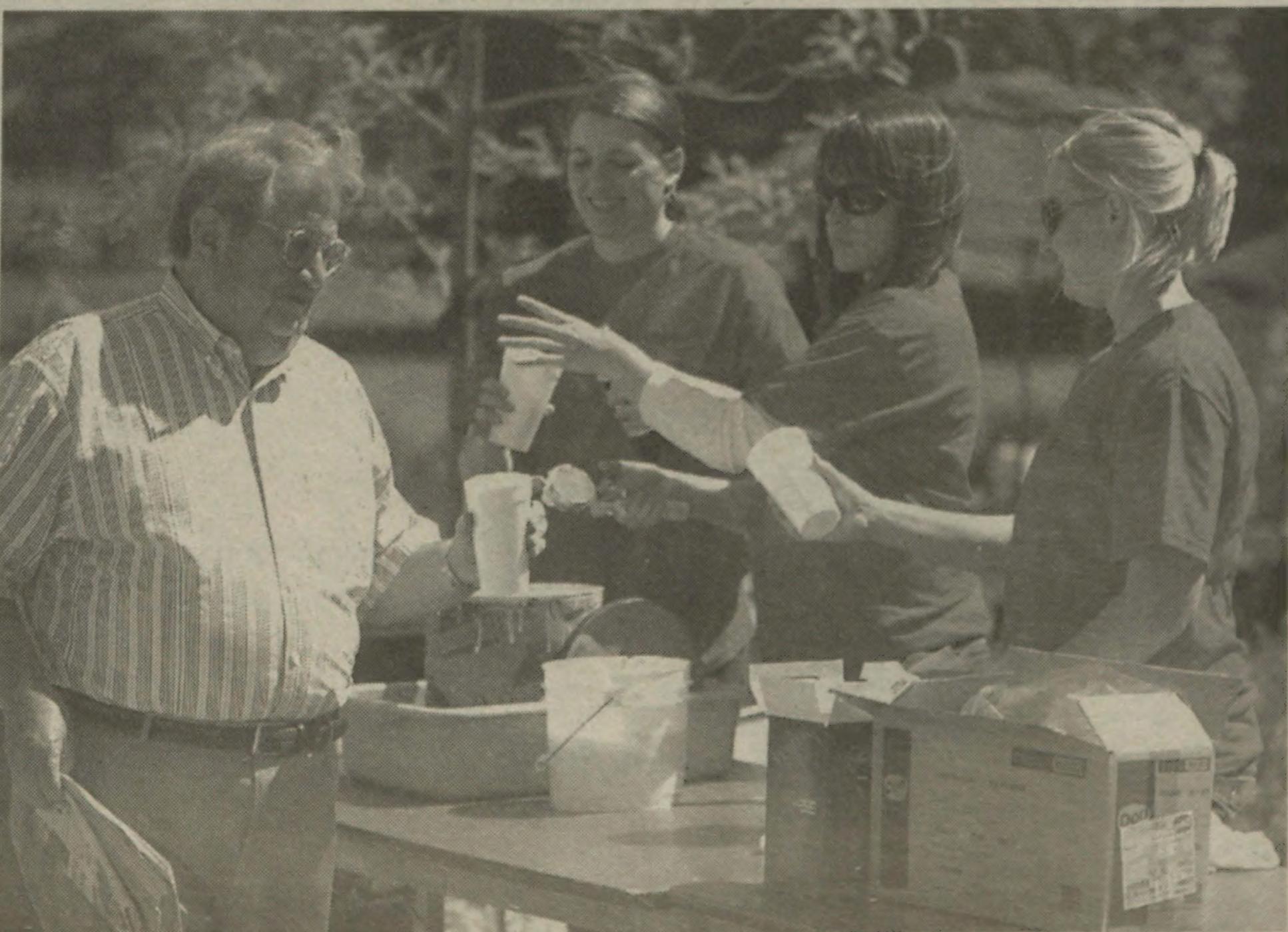
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Men's basketball adds Division I exhibition game to fall season

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The UNO men's basketball team added Big 12 Conference member Iowa State to its 2008-09 schedule. UNO will travel to Ames, Iowa on Nov. 8 to face the Cyclones at 12:30 p.m.

The last time UNO faced a Division I opponent was in 2006. The Mavericks dropped consecutive exhibition games at Creighton (73-56) and UNL (76-62) that year. In 2005, UNO nearly upset UNL in Lincoln before falling 70-65.

The Mavs will be hoping for a better outcome than the 114-57 stomping suffered the last time they played the Cyclones in 1991. The 57-point victory capped a sweep of Omaha's two major college basketball programs as ISU had previously defeated Creighton 92-75 earlier that season.

Head Coach Derrin Hansen is well-aware of the challenges awaiting the Mavs in Ames.

"It will expose our weaknesses, but it will be good for the team and a great test to see how we're playing early in the year," Hansen said. "The biggest challenges will be playing on the road against a bigger, more athletic team."

Senior guard Michael Jenkins is excited about matching up against another Division I opponent.

"We usually just played or scrimmaged Nebraska or Creighton," Jenkins said. "It'll be a hostile environment and a good chance to see where we're at as a team."

Jenkins, who averaged 16.3 points per game last season, said playing a team of Iowa State's caliber provides extra motivation.

"Whenever you're playing a Division I team, there's not going to be much to lose," Jenkins said. "We can go out and play with a lot of confidence, because we will be expected to lose. We're looking to go out there and get better every game."

Formal discussions between Iowa State and UNO officials regarding a possible game began this past spring and became a reality when the contract was finalized two weeks ago.

According to Michelle Roberts, UNO associate athletic director/senior women's administrator, multiple individuals were involved in the process. UNO assistant coach Randall Herbst and Iowa State's Director of Basketball Operations Ron Smith negotiated the contract before it was signed by head coaches Hansen and Greg McDermott of Iowa State.

Smith cites several preexisting relationships that had been in place between the schools as a catalyst for Iowa State looking to UNO as a potential opponent. Smith said there have been connections between the schools going back to the days of former UNO head coaches Kevin Lehman and Bob Hanson.

"I've known Coach Herbst for 10, 15, 20 years, and his relationship with Coach McDermott goes back even more than that," Smith said.

UNO men's basketball has also developed a solid reputation over the years.

"They are a very, very good basketball program ... [that] had a great season last year," Smith said. "They are a well organized, competitive program that will challenge you and prepare you for the

upcoming year."

Roberts says that UNO will continue to pursue Division I teams for exhibition games in future years.

Division I teams playing Division II opponents in the pre-season has become more common with rules in place that now prohibit the upper division schools from scheduling amateur and other "all-star" teams to fill out their exhibition schedules.

Roberts has not ruled out the possibility of UNO hosting a Division I squad in the coming years.

"We would definitely enjoy the opportunity to host a team here in Omaha," Roberts said.

The Iowa State game is the only exhibition currently on UNO's schedule.

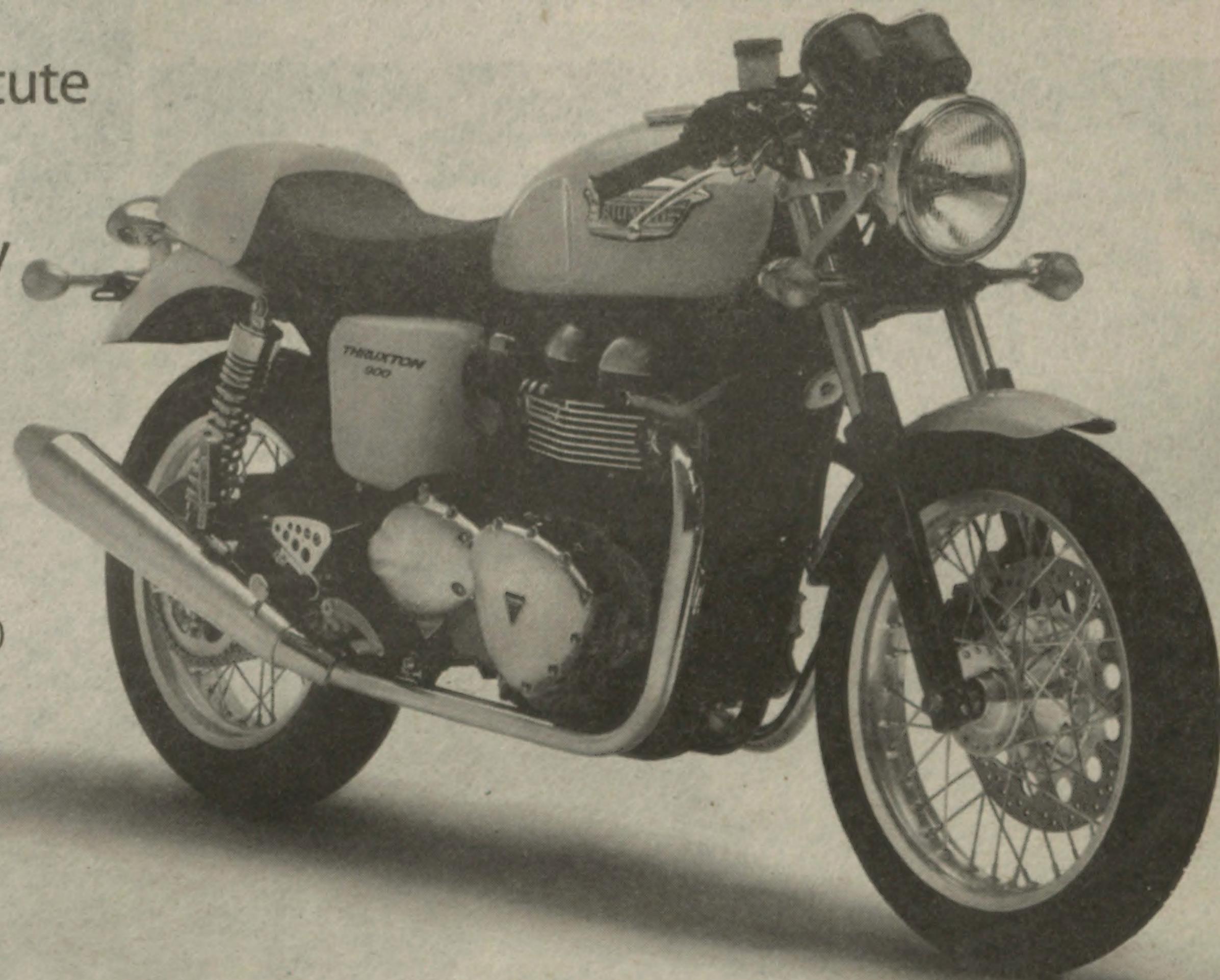
If another opponent is not added, the



Michael Jenkins puts up a shot against Augustana last season. UNO finished 25-7 on the season last year. (BILL WENDL/THE GATEWAY)

Cyclones will be the first and final tune-up for the Mavs before they open regular season play on Nov. 15 against Doane at Sapp Fieldhouse.

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Victory Bell stays in Omaha

Mavericks open season with 49-12 win over Nebraska-Kearney, bring record to 28-8 overall against in-state rivals

MICHELLE BISHOP
PHOTO EDITOR

When the downpour hit Caniglia Field Saturday night, Nebraska-Kearney found themselves in a 42-0 hole against No. 7 ranked UNO. Playing nearly all of the second half in a steady rain, the Mavs scored five touchdowns in the third quarter en route to a 49-21 win over their in-state rival.

After a lackluster first half where UNO had just 129 yards of total offense, the Mavs poured it on in the third quarter with five straight scoring drives of 14 plays for 288 yards.

"I thought we were too cautious. We kind of stood around and waited the first half, but fortunately we came out and had a very good third quarter," UNO coach Pat Behrns said. "Not sure I've ever seen one more explosive than that."

The Mavs took a 7-0 lead into halftime after quarterback Zach Miller stretched the ball across the goal line while being shoved out of bounds on an 11-yard touchdown run at the end of the second quarter.

UNO quickly built upon that momentum and never looked back.

Keith Eloi returned the opening kickoff to the Maverick 33 yard line and on the next play Eloi grabbed a deflected pass from Miller taking it 66-yards down to the Loper 1-yard line. Tailback Brian McNeill scored on the next play to make it 14-0 just 42 seconds into the quarter.

"Keith made one heck of a play and we finally turned it on," Miller said. "We came out the second half ready to go."

The Kearney defense had trouble keeping tabs on Miller. He broke loose and raced 51 yards for his second touchdown of the night putting the Mavs up 21-0.

After linebacker Ben Vanderslice forced a fumble that Jacob Skow recovered at the UNO 43 yard line, Miller found tight end Mike Higgins for a 57-yard touchdown pass that made it 28-0 with 7:58 left in the third quarter.

On the Lopers' next possession, Reed Taylor picked off a pass from Kearney redshirt freshman quarterback Jake Spitzlberger on the UNK 24 yard line.

John McCurdle then punched it in from two yards out to give UNO its fourth touchdown in less than 10 minutes. McNeill tore off on a 52-yard run for his second touchdown of the night to put the Mavericks ahead 42-0 after three quarters.

By the time Kearney found the end zone, most of the 7,316 in attendance had exited the stadium for drier land.

UNK running back Rustin Dring put the Lopers on the

board with one- and 10-yard scoring runs early in the fourth quarter against mostly second-string Mav defenders. Dring led the Lopers with 82 yards on 17 carries.

After the Lopers recovered an onside kick, UNO returned its first-string defense back on the field and Taylor nabbed his second interception on the next play.

The Lopers had one more shot against the mostly second-string defense and Spitzlberger scored on a one-yard run to make it 42-21 with 6:52 left.

UNO back-up quarterback Greg Wunderlich connected with Austin Wells on a 7-yard touchdown pass with 1:35 left to complete the scoring. With the win, UNO improves to 1-0

while UNK drops to 0-2 after suffering a loss to Wayne State during its season opener.

UNO nearly got on the scoreboard in the first quarter but Greg Zuerlein's 38-yard field goal attempt was wide right. Kearney also threatened, but their drive in UNO territory was ended when Jacob Chandler recovered a fumble forced by Zac Keller.

"We just had to get our first game jitters out and once that happened we made some plays in the second half," Taylor said. "We just about had too many practices. We're sick of going against each other all the time; it

was good to go against someone in a different color."

The Mavericks defense, however, did lose two key senior starters when Jeff Souder and Chandler exited the game with injuries.

After the game, Behrns said he didn't know the extent of the injuries but he said Souder received a mild concussion while Chandler likely has a knee sprain. He's hoping both are healed and ready by next weekend.

Miller led UNO with 120 yards on nine carries including two touchdowns and was 5 of 8 passing for 175 yards with one passing touchdown. McNeill finished with two touchdowns and 96 yards on 18 carries. Eloi led all receivers with two catches for 94 yards.

Kearney's Spitzlberger, who replaced starter Bobby Adamson in

the second quarter, completed 8 of 15 passes for 178 yards and ran for 21 yards on nine carries, but also had three interceptions.

For the sixth consecutive year, UNO kept possession of the Victory Bell. The traveling trophy stays on the campus of the winning team. UNO's game against Kearney was their only non-conference game of the season, a first for program history.

After winning their season opener, UNO now looks forward to starting their inaugural season of MIAA conference play when Emporia State visits for a 6 p.m. game on Saturday.

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Top - Reed Taylor grabs his second interception of the game as Kearney wide receiver Kyle Kaiser falls to the ground during the fourth quarter of Saturday's game.

Left - Trevon Maldon brings down Kearney's Kyle Kaiser. UNO defeated Kearney 49-21 in front of 7,316 fans on a rainy saturday night at Caniglia Field.

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Mavs drop chance for shutout over Mary with penalty

SCOTT STEWART
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The Mavericks lost their chance for a shutout against Mary on Saturday after committing a foul late in the second half.

Mary's Jessica Janusz, a senior forward from Bismarck, N.D., made the contest 3-1 after scoring Mary's only goal on a penalty kick in the 86th minute of play. She beat UNO junior goalkeeper Elizabeth Odorisio, who transferred from South Dakota this year.

Head Coach Don Klosterman said the goal shouldn't have happened because the foul wasn't a good play by UNO.

"It was deserved," Klosterman said. "I think it was a good call by the official."

Mistakes do happen, though, Klosterman said, noting that the experience of playing games helps the young team - the

squad has 13 true freshmen and two redshirt freshmen. Klosterman said the experience of last week's match helped, and that the team already had shown improvement after the first half.

The Mavericks produced results offensively, with two goals from senior forward MaryClaire Murnan and one from senior forward Casey Bigsby.

Murnan's first goal came off a corner kick in the fifth minute of play and Casey's goal came during the 22nd minute off a lob over the Mary keeper Carley Feiler's head.

UNO lead 2-0 going into halftime, and seemed to be keeping Mary in check, allowing only two shots on goal the first half and not allowing any for the first several minutes of the second half. The Mavericks, on the other hand, put 17 balls on net

overall and had several near misses off the goalposts and just over the crossbar.

Mary started picking up their aggressiveness as the game went on, with more physical play becoming the norm in the second half. Freshmen defender Stephanie Sackett was shown a yellow card in the 44th minute for a careless slide tackle, but that was the only misconduct of the match.

As the relatively quiet match continued, punctuated by the occasional whistle or cheering from the home crowd, UNO remained dominant in terms of possession and control of the match.

The Maverick offense struck again late in the second half, with an unassisted goal by Murnan in the 79th minute. Janusz answered the goal a little more than six minutes later.

Despite the dominance of UNO's offense, Klosterman said the team needs to work on mental preparation and focus to finish plays and score more goals.

"I wish we could have scored a few more goals," Klosterman said.

Klosterman said that when the Mavs take the field on Thursday against Missouri Western and Saturday against Truman State - opening Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference play - mental preparation will be important.

The win over Mary improves the Mavericks to 2-0 on the season, not counting a 7-0 win over Hastings College earlier last month. The Marauders dropped to 0-4 after road losses to Metro State, Colorado University at Colorado Springs and Mesa State.



Left - Danielle Cheney fights for control of the ball with Mary's Amy Tanaka during their game on Saturday.

Top right - Molly McNea alludes Mary's Danielle Mello.

Bottom right - Megan Jensen looks to get around Mary's Megan Wilson.

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Mavs go 2-1 volleyball tournament over weekend

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After dropping a game to the tournament hosts, UNO rallied to finish 2-1 in the St. Edward's Volleyball Classic in Austin this weekend.

UNO opened the tournament Friday afternoon by dropping to a 2-3 record after a 3-0 (25-22, 25-21, 25-22) loss to host St. Edward's, who picked up their first win of the year, improving to 1-4.

The Mavericks dropped the set after hitting only .184 overall, making 21 errors in the match.

Junior outside hitter Kelli Goeser had the most errors on the night, with eight overall, but still recorded a double-double with 11 kills and 13 digs. Junior middle blocker Ellen Thommes recorded 10 kills and four errors, while sophomore outside hitter Kayla Uhing recorded nine kills and

five errors.

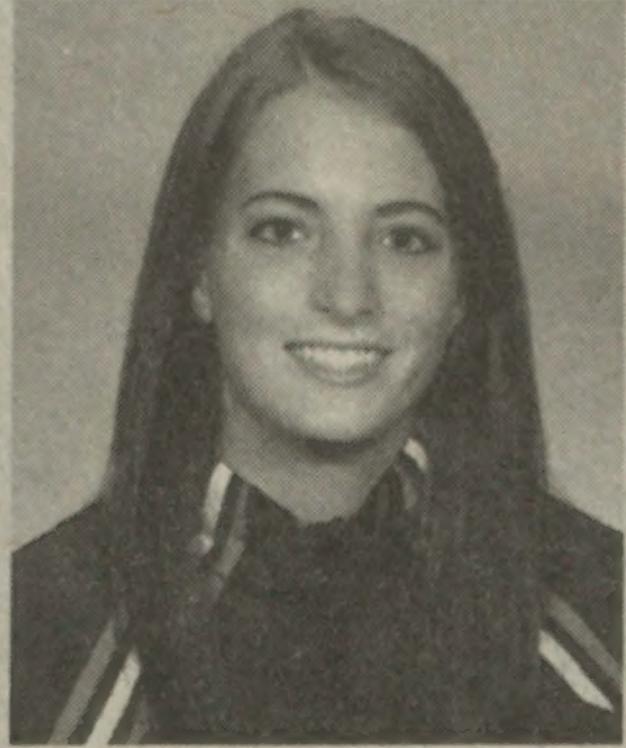
In their second match on Friday, UNO overcame a 2-1 deficit to defeat Texas A&M - Kingville 3-2 (25-27, 25-12, 24-26, 25-17, 15-8) in a five-game set. The contest was the first-ever match-up between the two schools.

Thommes and Goeser lead the Mavs along with junior outside hitter Sara Kampschnieder, who returned to the court full-time for the first time in the last four matches.

Thommes finished with 20 kills and a .372 hitting percentage. Goeser recorded another double-double with 18 kills and 10 digs. Kampschnieder had a .263 hitting



KAYLA UHING



ELLEN THOMMES

the St. Edward's Volleyball Classic with a 3-0 (25-15, 25-15, 25-12) sweep of East Central (Okla.), improving to 4-3 overall while East Central fell to 1-3 on the season.

Kampschnieder, Thommes and Goeser again led the offense: Kampschnieder with 10 kills, Thommes with nine and Goeser with eight.

UNO also held East Central to a .000 hitting percentage, after finishing 10-2 in total team blocks.

The Maverick's next contest will be on Wednesday against in-state rival Nebraska-Kearney.

The game will begin at 7 p.m. in the Sapp Fieldhouse.

average, ending with 16 kills and two digs.

Freshman setter Emily Myers finished the match with 45 assists and seven digs, while Kayla Jansen and Angie Reicks combined for 31 digs to lead the defense.

On Saturday, the Mavericks finished out

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'Vicky Cristina Barcelona'



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"Vicky Cristina Barcelona," Woody Allen's latest writing and directing credit, does not disappoint. Following two friends' exploits during a summer holiday in Spain, it has a leisurely yet emotionally searing quality all its own.

The titular roles of Vicky and Cristina are filled by Rebecca Hall and Scarlett Johansson, respectively, two characters, as the narrator announces early on, who possess starkly contrasting approaches to love.

Vicky sees love as a rationally arrived-at agreement while her friend Cristina follows her passions wherever they lead her. Then enters Juan Antonio, played by Javier Bardem, an artist with a turbulent and romantic past, to say the least.

But don't be fooled by the amount of times I was just forced to type "emotional" and "romantic": this is not the typical, sappy, formulaic chick flick. On the whole, it's far too introspective and character-driven for that.

Instead it offers a sharp look at some of the most stubborn relationship flaws.

But I have to pause here for a moment, because I'd be lying if I said the film doesn't present some flaws all its own, albeit only a few.

At times the stark silhouette of Vicky's level-headedness against Cristina's impulsiveness feels a bit on the nose. Because they embody,

in many ways, a friendly argument between the head and the heart, Vicky and Cristina feel periodically a bit more like archetypal ideals than genuine flesh and blood.

Overall, though, Allen's sharply written dialogue makes up for these minute transgressions, keeping the heroines on solid earth. The non-titular characters Juan Antonio and his ex-wife Maria Elena (Penelope Cruz), with their brutally unpredictable ways, also steep the story in vibrant realism.

Johansson delivers a smart and solid performance as the sexually adventurous Cristina, and Javier Bardem achieves no easy feat in coming off as sexy and contemplative despite the fact that I just watched him murder a bunch of people in "No Country for Old Men."

I can't help but feel, however, that Hall and Cruz steal the show. Hall for her part brings a surprising vulnerability to her role, while Cruz summons intensely wrenching emotional turmoil.

Woody Allen aficionados will no doubt be pleased by this new creation, as the famous neurotic again showcases his insight into relationship complexities.

But in the end you don't have to be an Allen fan to enjoy the ride. "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" emanates a sexy, pensive energy and is not to be missed.

One caveat: if you see the film, you're going to have that title song in your head for days.



REVIEW BY
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STAFF WRITER

"Hamlet 2," a movie about the sequel no one asked for, is at least better than I had anticipated.

Steve Coogan plays the unpronounceable and untalented drama teacher Dana Marschz, a man already weighed down with daddy issues and now facing literal and artistic bankruptcy. Marschz (yes, I'm going to make you try to read that name again) has to cope with school cutbacks, bad reviews and trouble at home.

His solution? Throwing himself into his "art" in a manic, totally bumbling way.

Thus, "Hamlet 2" is born. Surprisingly, there are undertones of personal redemption throughout, and the play within a movie that carries the story forward ends up being just as symbolic as it is ridiculous.

As the trailer hints at, though, there are also a lot of ball jokes.

You may have noticed that, much like Marschz's unpronounceable name, synopsizing this movie results in quite the mouthful.

Indeed, the film takes on a serious shakiness as it attempts to straddle that crazy line between satire and genuine tragicomedy. (Imagine if "Wet, Hot American Summer" and "Little Miss Sunshine" tried to procreate.)

Equally unsettling is the fact that

the always hilarious Amy Poehler only figures into a handful of scenes. There are, however, a few extremely funny moments that might make the film worth at least a casual viewing.

Marschz, pathetic and clueless, is often reduced to scraping for advice from the school drama critic, a kid who looks about twelve years old. Catherine Keener, as Brie, Marschz's wife, likewise brings a hilarious, bitter rage to her character, prompting her to make the occasional trapped-in-suburbia quip.

Poehler, as the lawyer who chooses to defend Marschz's freedom of speech claims, brings humor to her regrettably few lines. And the message, complex and uneven though it absolutely is, somehow rings powerfully for a few scenes at the end.

The jerky back and forth between drama and removed satire is, to my mind, at least somewhat forgiven when the play goes forward to the tune of "Rock Me, Sexy Jesus." It just takes a weird, weird road getting to that point.

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REVIEW BY
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Some years ago as a younger lad, I bought an album called "In the Aeroplane Over the Sea" by a band unknown to me, Neutral Milk Hotel.

I purchased the album because an Amazon.com recommendation said, if you like The Decemberists, then try Neutral Milk Hotel. It was a more innocent time with music for me, a time I would just buy a CD on a vague reference.

Wide-eyed and eager, I went to the local Homer's to scout out availability. Sure enough, Homer's lived up to its billing as the salesmen of "indie" music in Omaha.

I took the CD home right away eager to investigate my purchase. First thing home, I popped the album in to my \$20 boom box and heard my life change.

To this day every time I listen to the album it feels

like I'm watching electricity invented – it's that powerful.

The band was the brainchild of lyricist and lead guitar player Jeff Mangum.

Throughout the early '90s, Mangum had no consistent band. He achieved moderate success during this time recording demos and playing with anyone within arm's reach.

In 1996, however, Mangum teamed up with long time friend Robert Schneider who produced "On Avery

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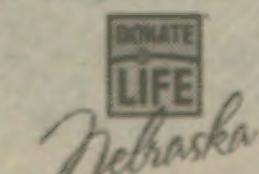
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Emporia State is 2-0 after a 27-14 win over Augustana Saturday. The Hornets were picked to finish last in the preseason Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association coaches' poll. The Mavs were picked second out of the 10 MIAA schools fielding football teams.

The Mavs are aiming for their first MIAA title after winning at least a share of

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According to Briggs, it is important to have shorter military decision times because a military that reacts faster can respond to critical situations on the ground with greater effectiveness and use the resources at hand most efficiently.

"If you can think and solve and act twice as fast as your adversary, they'll be busy responding to something that you did before, when you've already done two more things," Briggs said.

The use of collaboration engineering is not limited to the military; it can also be used for educational and business applications.

The group collaboration techniques were tested on students of American literature, who were at risk of dropping out due to race and gang violence in the neighborhood. Violence had become so prevalent that fights had broken out during class.

The students were reengaged into classroom, however, using principles of the Battlespace project. After using the collaborative practices suggested by the researchers, they tested two years ahead of their peers in reading and writing.

Although the priority is military applications, collaboration platforms will be used to increase student interest in learning and thereby reduce drop rates in at-risk elementary schools and middle schools.

the last four league titles in the now defunct North Central Conference, but they know the key to winning is preparing for the moment at hand.

"We try to keep it one game at a time," Elio said. "If you look too far ahead then we might not see what's coming in front of us the next week. So we just keep it one play at a time, one down at a time and just go from there."

The project is a part of the Institute for Collaboration Science, an interdisciplinary research group on campus designed to tackle problems that require expertise in multiple fields.

"We have faculty from all six colleges on campus as a part of the Institute for Collaboration Science," Briggs said.

The interdisciplinary nature of the project is evident from the variety of expertise needed to understand the issues it addresses.

"This particular project takes into account both computer science in building the platform, as well as the behavioral issues associated with the users," said Roni Reiter-Palmon, director for research for the Institute for Collaboration Science.

The research started in 1992, and culminated in the proposal for the Battlespace project in 2006.

Earlier techniques showed remarkable success in reduction decision time, but companies abandoned it anyways. Since then, research has worked to permanently transfer collaboration techniques to users.

"A problem with similar works before has been they were not necessarily user friendly and did not take into account user characteristics," Reiter said.

The first phase of the Battlespace action center project cost \$2.4 million and the second phase will cost \$1.4 million. Funding for both phases are being provided through earmarks from the U.S. Congress.

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Island," which was Mangum's first full-length album.

Two years later, Mangum assembled a consistent group comprised of Jeremy Barnes (drums), Scott Spillane (horns), Julian Koster (banjo/bass guitar/saw) and rejoined with Robert Schneider, who would again produce, as well as fill various instrumental roles on the album.

With this line-up, they release the lo-fi folk rock masterpiece "In the Aeroplane Over the Sea" on Merge Records.

The feedback buzz that hums through the whole album in one of the signature sounds.

One of the other distinctive things about the music is the strange assortment of instruments assembled. Any number of strange horns and effects come to play in the album, giving it a lot of its ghostly, haunting sound.

It's ultimately Mangum's voice and lyrics, though, that give the album its soul. Over the course of the album he pleads and whales and consoles with total authenticity,

emotion, conviction and feeling.

His voice only matches his stirring lyrics. Most of the album lyrics are written about dreams Mangum had about Anne Frank.

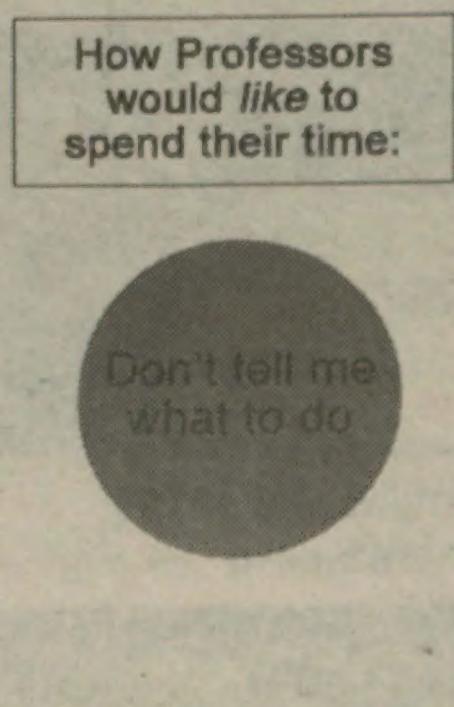
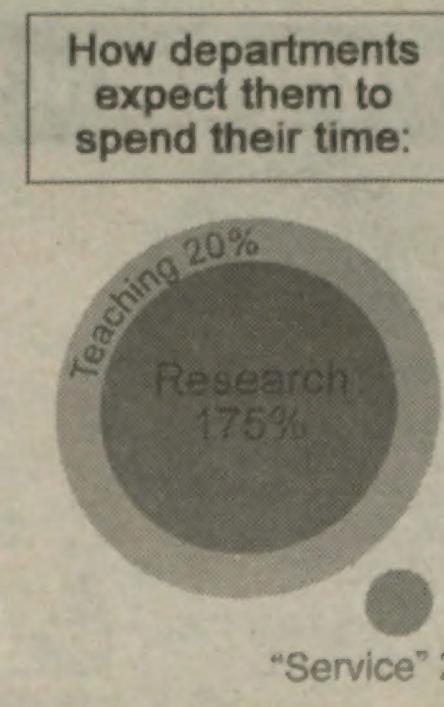
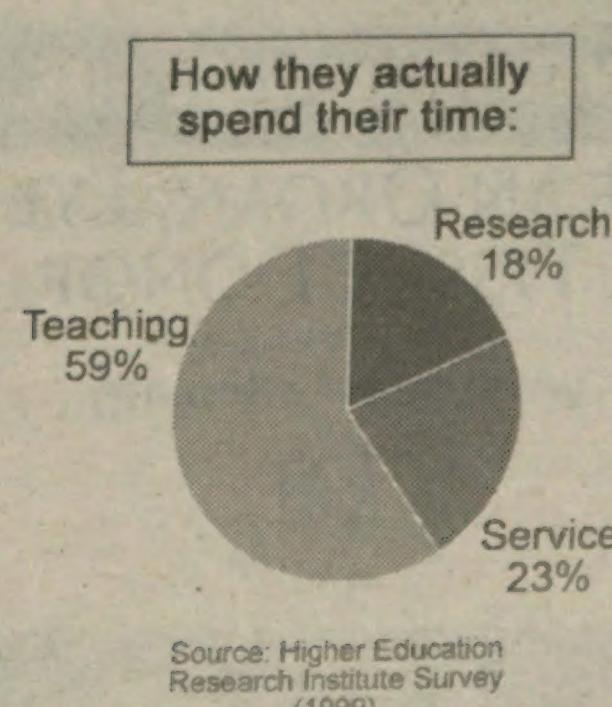
In the song "In the Aeroplane Over the Sea," Mangum recites: "Anna's ghost all around/Hear her voice as it's rolling and ringing through me/Soft and sweet/How the notes all bend and reach above the trees."

Later, in the song "Holland 1945," he returns to Frank: "The only girl I've ever loved/Was born with roses in her eyes/But then they buried her alive/One evening 1945." The description achieves a nearly impossible combination of beautiful, ghostly and surreal imagery.

Unfortunately, we have never been privileged with a follow-up project. Soon after the band began to gain notoriety, Mangum dismantled the band and cancelled all of its upcoming appearances.

Although rumors of another album or a reunion tour surface, they are always denied. I, however, will continue to hope.

HOW PROFESSORS SPEND THEIR TIME



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Top - The Mavs celebrate around the Victory Bell after defeating Kearney 49-21 Saturday night. Bottom - David Pelster and Kearney's Eli Hammond battle for possession of an on-side kick during Saturday's game. Kearney recovered the ball on the fourth quarter play.

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Communication fails at UV

In the early morning of Monday, Sept. 1, a woman in University Village was attacked. A man, dressed in black, broke into her dorm room and attempted to sexually assault her.

Thankfully, he was unsuccessful and no one was seriously injured, but this incident was a little too close to home for comfort.

Despite the fact that I live in the same complex in which the assault took place, I was not informed of it until Wednesday evening when my friend (and editor in chief of The Gateway) questioned me about it.

I had heard nothing about this series of events. Similarly, this was a surprise to my roommates and friends.

More shocking than the attack, to me, is the lack of communication about the incident. Had I not had a connection with The Gateway, there is a good chance that I would still not be aware of the incident.

A local news station reported that fliers were being posted outside our doors warning students about the assault, but I have yet to see one.

Here are some things, however, I have seen in our door clips: a warning about the garbage disposal, a notice about a mandatory building orientation, a reminder to schedule our roommate agreement meetings and four tickets to the Greek Festival.

If the RAs can require dorm residents to attend an orientation meeting where we play mundane ice-breaker games, why can't they coordinate a meeting to discuss campus safety? All dorm residents – at least those living in UV – should have been gathered together and informed of the situation as quickly as possible.

How bad does an attack have to be before it's brought to our attention? Does someone actually need to be beaten, raped or killed before we are told to be on our guard?

This brings to light some major security

concerns. It's a dangerous world, and we should all be as cautious as possible.

However, in the midst of studying, working and trying to maintain some semblance of a social life, it's easy to forget something as simple as locking the door at night.

A system should be in place to attempt to make up for human error.

It was far too easy for this assailant to break in. The lack of controlled access or surveillance at University Village puts all of the responsibility for personal safety on the residents. What is the role of Campus Security if not to prevent this type of incident?

Public safety is a joint effort. Individuals should try to be as responsible as possible, but there also needs to be a coordinated effort to improve the security

of the community.

Maybe we could institute a kind of Neighborhood Watch program, where pairs of volunteers patrol their buildings. Maybe instead of promoting a "Beautiful Balconies" event and selling T-shirts, our RAs could host self-defense classes and sell pepper spray.

Above all, awareness of a threat is paramount to avoiding a dangerous situation. By not bringing this assault to our attention immediately, we have all been done a great disservice.

Campus Security or our RAs should have used this situation to remind us all to look after ourselves and our peers.

We need to open a dialogue about this. We need to talk about how to prevent assaults.

We need to let attackers know that this kind of behavior will not go unpunished. We need to let victims know that what was done to them is not OK. We need to speak up.

Silence implies consent when it comes to matters of public safety.

Social Distortion



Kristin Phillips

Season change, so do moods

In just a few days, the scorching hot summer fled, and we were left with an early September that has brought cool, cloudy weather.

The drastic change in climate can take a physical and emotional toll, as our bodies and minds must adjust to five cold and depressing months.

For me, part of the annual fall experience is allergies. From when I wake up to when I go to bed, my nose feels congested and my forehead is under the spell of a constant brain freeze, comparable to the feeling you get after downing a 64-ounce slurry just because it was on sale.

Sneezing and itchy eyes have become so frequent that I am too busy rubbing my eyes to cover my mouth when I sneeze, resulting in small particulate germs flying away to hit someone else.

Around this time of the year, I find myself doing less and less physical activity, at first because of bad weather, but later because of laziness. A constant fatigue invades my every bone and causes me to pass up activities that I would never miss in the summer time.

The bodily and mental exhaustion that comes with the arrival of gloomy weather is associated with Seasonal Affective Disorder

Chains Removed



Mark Patel

really is. Just as the trees change colors, your goals and motivations change just as dramatically.

As in every undesirable situation, things will get worse before they get better. The weather will become heavier and heavier until the middle of winter.

Although you may not believe that spring will ever return, days will become shinier and the flowers will return.



Economic news, issues worth considering even if boring

I wouldn't go so far as to say I'm a boring person, but some people might get that idea.

If you follow the bylines of the stories in The Gateway, too, you're more likely to notice my name on a story about university administrative policies than you are a review of the hottest band in town.

My personal interests are varied across a spectrum of topics traditionally viewed as dull: mathematics, academic philosophy, history, etc. Even my preferred brand of humor is dry, witty and sarcastic.

One thing that can put even me to sleep, though, is economics.

Essentially, my understanding of the details economics isn't too far removed from a poster one of The Gateway staff members purchased in the Milo Bail Student Center last week – "E-cow-nomics: Economic Models Explained with Cows." Some of its definitions include:

"Communism: You have two cows. The

State takes both and gives you some milk;"

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This lack of basic knowledge aside, I sat down over dinner determined to educate myself on the U.S. government's seizure of the two largest mortgage finance companies in the country, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Needless to say, I failed in that effort. I got a basic overall impression of what happened from reading about it from The International Herald Tribune, the publication of The New York Times

targeted for overseas and business readers.

Essentially, the U.S. government has abandoned the free-market approach by stepping in and committing up to \$200 billion

in taxpayer support to cover any capital shortfalls. The government is propping up the two companies with something just short of a complete nationalization program, but too close for comfort for those who don't like seeing government literally in the business of managing the economy directly.

It might be too far to say that America's system anymore is socialism and economic welfare for the rich and a pink slip and a foreclosure notice for the poor, but it's not completely off base either.

And, right now, it's unclear whether the Treasury Department's partial merger with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will help reduce those foreclosures and keep the economy afloat or if taxpayers will be covering the obscene severance packages and foreign debt holder losses if the companies continue to tank.

(By the way, if you thought former chancellor Nancy Belk's \$108,675 in professional development leave and faculty salary after retiring was outrageous, just look at Daniel Mudd's potential \$9.3 million severance package or Richard Syron's \$14.1 million package.)

This is not, by any standard, the first time the government has been involved with bailing out a company. Just six months ago, for instance, the Federal Reserve Board managed the selling of Bear Stearns to JPMorgan for \$236 million.

The U.S. government has also backed up

military contractor Lockheed Aircraft, the Penn Central Railroad, Chrysler and the savings and loan system of the late 1980s, just to hit the highlights.

The importance of the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac story is difficult to comprehend, but certainly worth trying: if things continue to get worse, billions upon billions of taxpayer money could be sunk in these sinking ships. With it might go the rest of the U.S. economy, and with that your income, your job, your home and your future.

Of course, this is not the only big story that is linked with the dull subject of economics. As the documentary "I.O.U.S.A." brings to light in a clear, easy-to-digest manner, the national debt is skyrocketing while the United States itself, through the shortsighted policies that have brought Enron, Bear Stearns, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into the headlines lately.

One can only hope that our leaders in Washington and on Wall Street rise to meet that challenge in a more proactive manner, but the likelihood of that is dubious at best.

Education, while not a solution, is an essential part of the process of addressing these issues for the average citizen like you and me. I know, for my part, I'm going to continue to try to wrap my head around these issues.

I hope that everyone else on campus and in the country tries to do likewise.

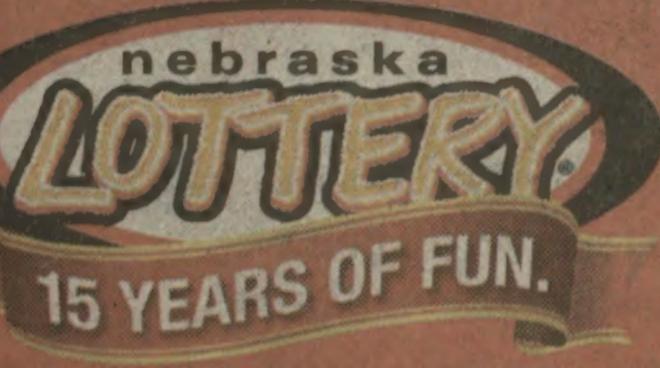
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